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Mortuary report of Habana for week ended March 26, 1904.

Disease.	Number of deaths.
Pneumonia.....	4
Bronchitis.....	2
Tuberculosis.....	25
Meningitis.....	5
Cancer.....	3
Enteritis.....	1
Cachexia.....	1
Pernicious malarial fever.....	1
Grippe.....	1

Total deaths from all causes, 87.

Mortality in the district of Habana, month of December, 1903—Causes of higher death rate—Scarlet fever—Health conditions in the island.

The following is received from Chargé d'Affaires Sleeper, under date of March 25:

The total mortality for the month of December, 1903, in the district of Habana was 528—54 more than in the preceding month, and 71 more than in December of the previous year. The daily average was 17.03, corresponding to an annual death rate of 23.69 per thousand, the highest annual death rate recorded in the district of Habana in any month of the year 1903.

This sudden rise in the death rate may be accounted for in a number of ways—by the influence of cooler weather on predisposed organisms, by the unusually large number of emigrants who arrived during the month, and by the fact that a considerable number of sick from the rest of the island came to Habana during the month to be treated. Mortality from diseases of the arteries—embolism and thrombosis—shows an increase of 29 over the previous months, and is thus responsible for more than half the increase of the month (54). General diseases, however, caused 26 fewer deaths than in November, 1903.

The epidemic of scarlet fever showed a marked decrease during the month, only 265 cases being under treatment on the last day of the year, as against 550 on November 30, and the mortality from that cause decreased 46 per cent. At the present date there are only 60 cases under treatment in Habana. This disease has not assumed an epidemic form in other parts of the island.

No cases of yellow fever or smallpox were recorded during the month, and it was one of the few months of the year in which no cases of the former were imported from South and Central America.

The health of the island in general continued to be good, 1,890 deaths having occurred during the month in the whole country, equivalent to an annual death rate of 16.87 per thousand of population. The total mortality in the last quarter of 1903 amounted to 5,283, giving an average of 57.42 deaths per day, and corresponding to an annual death rate of 15.84 per thousand of population.

Report from Matanzas—Precautionary detention of steamship Jason, from Tampico—Scarlet fever at Canasi.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Nuñez reports, March 27, as follows:

During the week ended March 26, 1904, seven bills of health were issued to vessels bound for United States ports, in good sanitary condition.

The Norwegian steamship *Jason*, from Tampico, Mexico, via Habana, was held in quarantine while in this port as a precautionary measure. She cleared for New York direct on March 25 without any sickness on board.

A new case of scarlet fever, originating at the town of Canasi, was reported yesterday. No contagious or infectious diseases, or any of quarantinable nature, have been reported in this city during the past week.

The mortuary statistics of Matanzas for the latter part of this month will be forwarded with my next report.

Report from Santiago.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Wilson reports, March 29, as follows:

During the week ended March 26, 1904, bills of health were issued to 3 vessels bound for the United States.

Mortuary report for the week ended March 26, 1904.

Causes of death.	Number of deaths.	Bertillon number.
Malarial fever.....	1	4
Tubercle of lungs.....	4	27
Tubercle of meninges.....	1	28
Vertebral caries.....	1	30
Cancer of uterus.....	1	42
Organic heart disease.....	2	79
Arterio-sclerosis.....	1	81
Pneumonia.....	2	93
Gastro-enteritis (under 2 years).....	1	105
Enteritis, chronic.....	1	105a
Strangulated hernia.....	1	108
Uræmic delirium.....	1	120
Ill-defined or unspecified.....	1	179
Total.....	18

Annual rate of mortality for the week, 20.57 per 1,000. Estimated population, 45,500.

Return of the pilgrimage of the year 1904—Movement of the pilgrims at the quarantine camp at Tor.

[Translated in this Bureau from the Bulletin Quarantenaire, March 17, 1904.]

ARRIVALS FROM DJEDDAH.

March 13.—Arrival of the Ottoman steamer *Marmara* with 735 Ottoman pilgrims, according to the bill of health; 2 deaths and 21 cases of ordinary sickness during the voyage. Russian steamer *Odessa*, 884 Russian pilgrims; 1 death from ordinary disease during voyage.

March 15.—Arrival of the British steamer *Assouan* with 538 Ottoman pilgrims on bill and 937 after declaration by the physician on board. Two deaths from ordinary causes during the voyage.

March 16.—Arrival of the British steamer *Minieh* with 1,123 Egyptian pilgrims on bill; 1 death and a case of ordinary sickness. Egyptian vessel *Abdel Moneim*, 540 Ottoman pilgrims; and *Tzaritza*, 1,891 Russian pilgrims.

March 17.—Arrival of Ottoman vessel *Bassorah* with 700 Russian pilgrims, according to the bill; 1 case of ordinary disease.